

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
November 8, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 8, 2022, the regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The following members were present:

PRESENT: Mayor Larry D. Yates

Council Members:  
Michael Harris  
Tim Wallace  
Carter Branham  
William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood  
Susan Tiller

### **ITEMS # I, II, & III**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Clerk Amanda Perrigan and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked for Executive Session to be moved under the Financial Report. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the agenda as amended. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM #V – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- October 4, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of regular town council meeting on October 4, 2022 as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the council was presented for approval the following:

- October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- September 30, 2022 through October 26, 2022 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16482-16529 & deposits
- September 30, 2022 through October 26, 2022 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VIII – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Upon motion made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Wm. “Billy” Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes
Carter Branham	Yes		

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve a ten percent increase for full time employees, Mayor and Haysi Town Council Members, a two dollar an hour increase for Adam Barton, a one hundred

dollar increase from last year's amount for Christmas Bonuses for the Mayor, Haysi Town Council Members, full time employees, Adam Barton, and James Stanley. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IX - NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution for Haysi Municipal Building Relocation

Mayor Yates read the following:

**RESOLUTION**  
**DICKENSON NONSTRUCTURAL FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT**  
**HAYSI MUNICIPAL BUILDING RELOCATION**

A resolution by the Town of Haysi, Virginia, authorizing its Mayor to act for and on behalf of the Town of Haysi, Virginia, in all actions pertaining to the relocation of the Haysi Municipal Building, and hereby ratifying prior actions and authorizing further action with the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), acting for and on behalf of Dickenson County, the Non-Federal Sponsor, in the relocation of the Town's municipal building in conjunction with the Dickenson County Nonstructural Flood Control Project, and authorizing its Mayor to execute, accept or otherwise approve all documents, agreements, instruments, or other necessary papers as required by USACE for the Town's participation in the acquisition of property it currently owns, the consideration being in the form of the relocation of the Haysi Municipal Building.

Be it Resolved by the Town of Haysi, Virginia, a public body:

**Approval of Prior Actions**

§ 1: The Town of Haysi, Virginia, hereby ratifies all prior acts of the Mayor for the Town of Haysi, Virginia in the furtherance of the Haysi Municipal Building Relocation as part of the Dickenson County Nonstructural Flood Control Project being performed by the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which would have been authorized by the foregoing resolution, and also hereby ratifies any actions taken by USACE in furtherance of the Haysi Municipal Building Relocation as part of the Dickenson County Nonstructural Flood Control Project.

**Authorization**

§ 2: The Town of Haysi, Virginia, authorizes and approves the participation of the Town of Haysi, Virginia, through its representatives and officials in the implementation of the relocation contract/agreement with the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

§ 3: The Town of Haysi, Virginia hereby authorizes its Mayor to execute, accept, or otherwise approve, for and on behalf of the Town of Haysi, Virginia all documents, agreements, instruments, or other necessary papers, including, but not limited to, all real estate instruments necessary to complete the transfer of the existing Haysi Municipal building as well as for acquisition of real estate for the placement of the replacement structure, and a Relocations Contract between the USACE, for and on behalf of the nonfederal sponsor, and the Town of Haysi, Virginia for the relocation of the Haysi Municipal building as may be considered necessary or required by the USACE for participation in the relocation, and for the performance of all obligations contained in said Relocation Contract, **including but not limited to**, provision of notice when so required; the approval of documents, plans, and specifications prepared by the Huntington District of the USACE as a part of the relocation; the acquisition of any necessary easements, rights of way, fee simple estates, or other interests in real property, if necessary; to review and comment when so required; to grant the USACE and its contractors, representatives, and other designees a right-of-entry on any Town of Haysi, Virginia property, as needed; to obtain all necessary permits and licenses, as required by Commonwealth and Federal law; to hold and save harmless the United States Government, and the nonfederal sponsor, free from all damages arising from the relocation of the Haysi Municipal building.

To the extent that any of the above actions are contrary to existing resolutions or other municipal documents previously adopted by the Town of Haysi, they are hereby superseded, as the case may be, to give full effect to actions taken herein.

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the resolution as read. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Wm. “Billy” Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes
Carter Branham	Yes		

Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS**

Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance

Mayor Yates asked if everyone had a chance to review the updated ordinance in the council information packs with the discussed changed highlighted. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to hold a public

hearing on the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance at 6:45pm on December 6, 2022. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # XI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief Bobby Edwards (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported twenty-two calls for the month of October and read the hours worked for each officer. Council Member Tim Wallace asked if Jerry Fuller had begun his work with the state police. Chief Bobby Edwards answered that he was going through the state police academy now. Council Member Tim Wallace asked if Mr. Fuller would be assigned in our area. Chief Edwards answered that his post would be Bland County. Mayor Yates asked in what area 6319 Big Ridge Road, was located. Chief Edwards answered around the VFW; between Hagar Mountain Road and Centennial Heights. Mayor Yates asked about the security alarm on the report. Chief Edwards answered that it was the new Jones and Counts Pharmacy installing the security system.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

**ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates explained that a copy of a letter the part time librarian in Clintwood sent was given to the council members because she wanted to promote tourism in the winter months. Mayor Yates said that he invited her to the meeting of the Haysi Volunteers for involvement. Mayor Yates advised that the Haysi Volunteers had chosen to go by the name of Haysi Community Leaders and invited everyone to join.
- Mayor Yates reported that the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority had applied for a planning grant for development of the old Haysi High School property.
- Mayor Yates reported that he attended the Grand Opening of the Dickenson County Social Services new location.
- Mayor Yates also reported that the pre-construction meeting for the Haysi Riverwalk Trail Project was held on October 27, and the contract was awarded to Inland Construction. The Ground Breaking is scheduled for November 18, with a photo opportunity for the Haysi Town Council.
- Mayor Yates advised that the Santa Train will arrive in town on November 19, at 8:07 in the morning. The Annual Haysi Christmas Parade will be held on December 2. The town Christmas Dinner will be held December 9, from 6:00 to 9:00 in the evening at the Breaks Interstate Park and Food City will provide the catering. The town has new light fixtures and a twenty-two foot Christmas Tree that will be added to the decorations this year.

- Mayor Yates announced the resignation of Chief Bobby Edwards as of December 1, 2022. Everyone thanked Chief Edwards for his service to Haysi over the years.

**ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XIV – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk